GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4034
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ALLEGED ACQUIRING OF CONTRACTS ON FORGED DOCUMENTS
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some private companies are allegedly cheating the National Highways Authority of India by acquiring contracts on the basis of forged documents as reported in The Dainik Jagran dated January 20, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the number of such fraudulent companies identified by the Government;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in the matter;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government against the guilty companies and erring officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Director of M/s Maharia Resurfacing & Construction Pvt. Ltd. has been arrested by Delhi Police. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has filed 5 complaints with Delhi Police against the contractors M/s Maharia Resurfacing & Construction Pvt. Ltd., M/s Maharia Raj (Joint Venture) and M/s You-one Maharia (JV) for furnishing false bank guarantees in execution of five contracts. Delhi Police is investigating the matter. In addition FIR has beenlodged against M/s Rana Projects International Ltd for submission of forged bank guarantee.

(d) to (f) The Vigilance Wing of the NHAI is investigating the matter. NHAI has strengthened the system of verification of bank guarantees to prevent any such recurrence.